

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 2006-N-35-L

RE: APPLICATION OF GUSTAVO LEGUIZA DBA ROYAL CLUB TRANSPORTATION TO OPERATE THREE (3) GENERAL LIVERY VEHICLES, WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF FOUTEEN PASSENGERS OR LESS, FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN STAMFORD.

DECISION

AUGUST 7, 2020

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on May 25, 2020, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Gustavo Leguiza dba Royal Club Transportation (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 5 Columbus Place, Unit A, Stamford, Connecticut 06907 seeks authorization to operate three (3) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of fourteen (14) passengers or less, in general livery service from a headquarters in Stamford.

B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing on this application was held on August 4, 2020.

Notice of the application and of the hearing to be held thereon was given to the applicant and to such other parties as required pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended. Legal notice to the public was given by publication on the department's website.

A hearing officer designated by the Commissioner pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-17 conducted the hearing on this matter.

C. APPEARANCES

Gustavo Leguiza appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 5 Columbus Place, Unit A, Stamford, Connecticut 06907.

D. APPLICATION AMENDMENT

The applicant originally applied for three (3) vehicles but amended the application to two (2) vehicles in the hearing.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The applicant seeks to operate two (2) motor vehicles in general livery service from a headquarters in Stamford.
- 2. The applicant plans to operate a 2015 E350 Econoline Ford van and a 2019 Ford Transit Van. The Ford Transit van is fully paid for.

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- 3. The applicant has \$27,020 in a bank account.
- 4. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes vehicle financing of \$4,116, insurance costs of \$8,743, property tax of \$370, maintenance costs of \$900 and communication costs of \$540.
- 5. The applicant has several contracts in place including one with the Marriott to act as their preferred livery provider. The applicant also has contracts with TGM Anchor Point, a residential complex and another corporation named Zotos.
 - 6. Mr. Leguiza has over 30 years' experience in the livery industry.
 - 7. The applicant does not have a criminal record.
 - 8. The applicant has interstate livery authority under MC -1091220-C.
 - 9. This application was not opposed.

III. DISCUSSION

The department has jurisdiction over each person, association, limited liability company or corporation owning or operating a motor vehicle in livery service, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-102, as amended.

In determining whether a livery permit should be granted, the department shall take into consideration the present or future public convenience and necessity. The applicant must prove that the public's convenience and necessity will be improved by the proposed service. Additionally, the applicant must show the suitability of the applicant or the suitability of the management if the applicant is a limited liability company or corporation, the financial responsibility of the applicant, the ability of the applicant efficiently and properly to perform the service for which authority is requested and the fitness, willingness and ability of the applicant to conform to the provisions of the statutes and the requirements and regulations of the department thereunder, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103.

Regarding the applicant's suitability, the applicant submitted a criminal record check for Mr. Leguiza, which shows no criminal record. Mr. Leguiza has thirty years of experience in the livery business which will allow him to operate this business efficiently and properly. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to be granted a livery permit.

As far as the applicant's financial ability is concerned, the first six months of expenses includes vehicle financing of \$4,116, insurance costs of \$8,743, property tax of \$370, maintenance costs of \$900 and communication costs of \$540 for a total expense of \$14,669. The applicant has

Docket No. 2006-N-35-L Gustavo Leguiza dba Royal Club Transportation Page 3 of 6 \$27,020 in the bank which is sufficient to cover these start-up costs.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant testified as to the livery contracts that he has with the Marriott as a preferred livery vendor along with another contract for Zotos corporation in addition to working under contract for an apartment building. On weekends the applicant will be doing other general livery work with the vehicles. Based on all the evidence presented; this livery application will be granted.

IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application of Gustavo Leguiza dba Royal Club Transportation is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3696 is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3696

Gustavo Leguiza dba Royal Club Transportation is hereby permitted to operate two (2) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of fourteen (14) passengers or less, in general livery service from a headquarters in Stamford.

RESTRICTIONS:

The applicant must register and insure the two (2) vehicles granted in this permit within ninety (90) days. Failure to do so may result in revocation of the authority.

The authority granted under this permit may not be sold or transferred until it has been operational, i.e. a vehicle registered with livery plates thereunder for not less than twenty-four (24) months.

This permit shall remain in effect until it is amended, suspended or revoked by the department. Failure of the permit holder to maintain proper insurance and/or comply with all pertinent motor vehicle laws and other state statutes and/or rules, regulations and orders of the department shall be considered sufficient cause to amend, suspend or revoke said permit.

A memorandum of this permit, bearing the seal of the department shall be conspicuously

posted in each motor vehicle operated under this permit.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on the 7th day of August 2020.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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